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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GVN/GKR DISPUTE OVER OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REFTEL C AND EMBASSY'S INITIATIVE IN RAISING THE PROBLEM WITH BAC. WE CONCUR ENTIRELY WITH POINTS MADE BY CHARGE' TO BAC. USE OR THREAT OF FORCE COULD WELL AFFECT ADVERSELY PROSPECTS OF ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS.

2. FOR PHNOM PENH: REQUEST YOU ALSO INFORM GKR THAT WHILE USG HAS NO POSITION ON THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS, IT IS AWARE THAT THE AREA IN OPERATION IS CONTESTED. THEREFORE, WE WOULD HOPE THE GKR WILL NOT PRESS OIL EXPLORATIONS IN THE DISPUTED AREA UNTIL THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE CHANCE TO CONDUCT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THEIR
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